

BILL ATTACKS PLAN FOR EXPRESSWAY

Manhattan Legislators Call Crosstown Link a Threat to 2,300 Families

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ALBANY, Jan. 14 — Two Manhattan legislators moved today to block the construction of the \$83,000,000 lower Manhattan crosstown expressway. Their aim is to prevent the displacement of 2,300 families and many small business establishments.

The expressway, which would be elevated, is now under study by the Board of Estimate and the City Planning Commission.

It would link the Miller Highway and the Holland Tunnel on the West Side of Manhattan with the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive and the Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridges on the East Side.

Senator Joseph R. Marro and Assemblyman Louis De Salvio, whose districts take in the area of the proposed development, filed a bill that would delete from the Highway Law the authorization for the expressway.

The two Democrats said that because of the backlog of several thousand relocation cases already confronting the city, "the addition of another 2,300 families would create great hardship and suffering to the families involved."

Suggest Alternative

The legislators said they recognized the need for alleviation of traffic congestion in lower Manhattan and suggested as an alternative that Canal Street be widened.

The introduction of the bill presaged a fight in the Legislature comparable to the battle that raged for several years over the construction of the Narrows Bridge.

Plans for the expressway were submitted to the Board of Estimate in November by Robert Moses, City Construction coordinator, and Borough President Hulan E. Jack.

The Planning Commission held a hearing in December and may make public its recommendations at a meeting next Wednesday.

The expressway, long under consideration along with a similar expressway in mid-Manhattan, would be part of the Federal interstate highway system. As such, 90 per cent of the cost would be borne by the Federal Government and 10 per cent by the state.

8 Lane Roadway

The plans call for an eight-lane elevated highway and a six-lane highway at ground level along Watts and Broome Streets. The completion is planned for 1966.

Meanwhile, the Legislature received a proposal from Senator Edward J. Speno, Nassau Republican, for a twelve-member commission to make a comprehensive study of the financing of education. The bill provides and appropriation of \$150,000.

In general, the measure carries out an agreement reached for such a study at a conference of Republican Senators here on Dec. 18.

Senator Speno said that in view of the many suggestions for new ways to finance the increasing cost of education, the time was opportune for "an intelligent evolvement of an entirely new concept for the state support of our educational system."

"It seems clear to all who have studied this important question," the Senator said, "that the rising cost of education must be met by a new method of financing that will clearly fix the obligation of the state and the burden of the local taxpayer and obviate the need each year of adding millions of dollars to the demands of the budget without providing the additional funds for this need."

Tax Cut Proposed

A bill filed today by Senator MacNeil Mitchell, Manhattan Republican, provides for a one-third reduction in the tax imposed by New York City on gross income of investment trust or investment companies.

The tax is now levied at the rate of $\frac{3}{5}$ of 1 per cent on gross income over \$5,000. The bill would cut the rate to $\frac{2}{5}$ of 1 per cent.